Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There has been no such instance.

Conviction for cow slaughter.

9. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of cases of conviction for cow slaughter for the last twenty years in Cochin?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Nil.

Nomination of defeated candidate in Kariyannur Panchayat.

10. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state why was Kalakkoottu Thoma who was defeated in election nominated as a member of the Kariyannur Panchayat; whether there was no one else other than this defeated man who was qualified for membership;

(b) under what sections of *the Penal Code* was the President of the said Panchayat convicted?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Mr. Thoma though defeated in the election is not disqualified under the rules to be a Panchayatdar. (2) A list of qualified persons is not available.

(b) Under section 303 of *the C. P. C.*

Grant of privilege leave to Panchayat employees.

11. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether privilege leave is allowed to Panchayat physicians, Panchayat clerks and peons; if not, who is to look after the work when a physician falls sick?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Privilege leave is allowed to Panchayat clerks and peons; but only leave without allowance is granted to Panchayat *Vaidyans*; when a *Vaidyan* goes on leave another, if available, is appointed to act.

Appointments of Allopathic Physicians in Rural Dispensaries.

12. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of petitions with the names of petitioners received by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer for the appointments in the newly started allopathic village dispensaries for the last three years with a caste-war statement of the appointments made;

(b) has the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer received any petition from one Mr. C. Padmanabha Menon, L.M.P;

(c) if so, when?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Rural dispensaries were established only from 1st Chingam 1103. Seven such dispensaries were opened in 1103 and the following is the list of applications received for appointments to those places:—

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